FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Boat Causes High Losses

Boat, a muddy that causes an estimated loss of $10,000,000 annually to the cattle and sheep industry, seems to be on the increase.

The increased use of improved pastures and irrigation of pastures are factors in the upswing in boat troubles. There also may be some changes in forage species which make pants more boat-inducing.

Surveys in Mississippi have shown that about 10 to 15 per cent of boat cases will be fatal. But pasture research workers will argue that a 10 to 12, or even a 25 per cent, increase in cattle losses is more than offset by the 100 to 200 per cent increase in pasture yields that can be realized from pasture improvement practices. A recent Wisconsin survey, covering 8,000 farms, indicated that 8 animals out of each 1,000 bloated and that 20 per cent of these died.

Data obtained in such surveys are really not too "meaningful," because many farmers have for years practiced preventive measures that may have an influence on the survey results. Measures often practiced by farmers, which no doubt are very useful, even though sometimes impractical, are: feeding roughage before turning animals on pasture, or having roughage in the pastures; seeding legume and nonlegume mixtures for pasture; avoiding turning hungry animals on good pasture; and the after dew or frost has time to dry off before pasturing.

Researchers meanwhile continue their search for more effective bloat preventive practices. Here are some of the things they have discovered:

1. Kerosene and turpentine have been used for years in treating bloat, and these substances are apparently effective because they break up the froth that prevents the animal from bursting.

In the past few years the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station has claimed success by using some of the newer detergents. Both Iowa and Mississippi say the value of detergents is questionable. It is hard to get animals to consume the detergents voluntarily.

California work has emphasized that stemmy hay feeding will definitely reduce the incidence of bloaton pasture. Bloat was controlled successfully when sudan grass hay was placed in the pasture at a rate to allow 8 to 10 pounds of hay to enter per head per day. Oat straw placed in a field of ladino clover, alfalfa, and grass completely overcame bloat, while wheat straw saved the bloat problem was not as serious as to remove it entirely.

Some researchers suggest that bloat can be successfully controlled by grazing mature grass or other roughage. They point out that if such a practice is used the animals should not be withheld from pasture.

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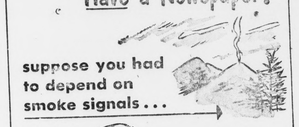

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21 MARRIAGES

Los Angeles.- Mrs. Beverly Avery, 16, appeared in court on a suit against her ex-husband, Raymond J. O'Mally, 41, for unpaid alimony. It was revealed that Mrs. Avery had been married fourteen times and was O'Mally's seventh bride. This made 21 marriages for these two people—probably a record.

TRUTH COSTS

Muncie, Ind.- Charged with driving 100 miles an hour and taken to court, Orville Haywood, 47, indignantly denied the charge. I was only going 80," he insisted. That was good enough for $10 and costs.

BAPTIST W. M. U. ANNOUNCES MEETING

The sixty-eighth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Appomattox Association will be held at Eon Church, Pamplin, April 11, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The theme for the day will be "So Send I You," and the morning devotional will be brought by the Rev. R. P. Welch, of Darlington Heights. Miss Kate Franklin, president of the Eon W. M. U., and Mrs. W. M. Black will be in charge of registration of the delegates for the day. The guest speaker for the day will be Mrs. Lester L. Knight, of Portsmouth. Mrs. Knight is the former State President of Virginia Womans Missionary Union. Her subject will be, "For the Healing of the Nations." Three talks will be given by the following members of the association: "Witnessing to the Lost in the Community," by Mrs. W. M. Ablitt, of Liberty Church; "Enlisting the Unenlisted," by Mrs. Harry Foster, of Union Hill; "Fostering Youth," by Mrs. L. W. Weeks, Burkeville Baptist Church. Special recognition will be given to Daisy Mae Weeks, of Appomattox. She was chosen to be one of the outstanding Y. W. A's of the year from Virginia for the annual convary year of the Y. W. A. organization. Mrs. E. T. Greene, of the Red Oak and Evergreen Churches will give a report on the recent State W. M. U. meeting which convened in Norfolk. Mrs. Greene, with her husband, Rev. E. T. Greene, served as Associational Missionaries in the Haywood County Association, Waynesville, N. C., before coming to Virginia. Mrs. Leslie Ligon and Mrs. Janie Elam, of Elon, will render special music.

Mrs. W. A. Odham, of Rice, Virginia, will bring the afternoon devotional message after which the following chairmen will give their reports for the year's work: Enlistment, Mrs. Harry Foster; Mission Study, Mrs. Carl Collins, Jr.; Youth Work, Mrs. L. W. Weeks; Stewardship, Mrs. H. D. Du Bose; Personal Service, Mrs. B. O. Stone; Publications, Mrs. J. R. Sublett; Community Missions, Mrs. D. M. Dier; Missionary, Mrs. Lera Harper; White Cross, Mrs. H. N. Sogars; Missionary Round Table, Mrs. S. A. Fuqua; Social Service Chairman, and Business Woman's Federation Advisor, Mrs. Edd Bates.

A panel discussion will be in charge of the music and Mrs. L. P. White will serve as pianist. Mrs. Alfred Redwood, Jr., is the Superintendent of the Association with the following people as officers for the work: Mrs. Harry Foster, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. L. W. Weeks, Youth Director; Mrs. J. B. Cooke, Treasurer; Mrs. Don Moore, Auditor; Mrs. Toby Inge, Secretary. The four group leaders for the association are:

Group I, Mrs. J. L. Elder, Farmville, Va.

Group II, Helen Mesters Group, Mrs. Randolph Sublett, Randolph, Va.

Group III, Blanche White Group, Mrs. Harry Foster, Brookneal.

Group IV, Hazel Moon Group, Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Appomattox.

WOMANS CLUB HAS DRAMA PROGRAM

A lengthy scene from "Antigone," a tragedy play recently staged at the Lynchburg College Theatre, was given by Miss Shirley Erhart and Jacob Linton, college students who played the leading parts, at a meeting of the Woman's Club of Appomattox on Monday afternoon in the Elementary School auditorium. The students were accompanied here by Joseph W. Cohron, head of the Drama department of the college. The program was sponsored by the Fine Arts Department, of which Mrs. S. S. Shouse is chairman.

At a business session, Mrs. Harry . Davis was elected to go as a delegate to the Alice Kyle District meeting held in Lynchburg Wednesday. Other club members who attended were Mrs. J. W. Flood, district president; Mrs. Harold Y. Spencer, club president; Mrs. W. E. Jamerson, Junior Woman's Club president; Mrs. Charles F. P. Crawley, district club institute chairman; Mrs. S. S. Shouse, Mrs. James D. McDearmon, Mrs. Leonard Anderson, Mrs. Shaffer Drinkard, Mrs. C. M. Stratton, Mrs. Albert Owen and Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Mrs. Martin L. Webb was named as delegate to the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs meeting, to be held in Roanoke later this month

Plans were discussed for serving lunch at the Jamestown Festival Year Event to be staged at the Old Court House here May 5. Final action on this matter was left to the Ways and Means Committee, of which Mrs. David M. Trent is chairman.

An art exhibit was on display, and judged by Mrs. Frank Mabley. Mrs. W. F. Bigoney, Mrs. S. S. Shouse and Mrs. Richard Janatka. Paintings of Mrs. Shouse and Mrs. Janatka won ribbons and were entered in the district exhibit. Hostesses for the meeting were Mesdames E. Carroll Jones, D. McDearmon, Calvin Anderson, H. C. Pulliam and Franklin.

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Garden Club

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Dogwood, one of small trees, with white or is spring, vivid fall red berries in the fall, is our favorite, of course. Hardy and free from disease, plants have distinct horizontal branching habit, especially noticeable in winter. The birds like the berries.

2. Edible pear can be used ornimentally along driveway or as a contrasting specimen in the garden. Shower of white blossoms perfume the spring air. Pears are not large trees, growing to about 30 feet, and they develop interesting character as they grow older.

3. Tree wisteria—the Japanese wisteria trained into tree form, has long, purple flower clusters, like grapes, in the spring. It has compound leaves that are neat and glossy.

4. Sargent crab-apples, the smallest of the crabs and the only one which can be called a shrub(grows as broad as it is tall. Pure white flowers are followed by small red berry-like apples.

5. Weeping cherry has rose-pink fowers on drooping branches in very early spring. Plants are noted for their delicacy and grace throughout the year.

6. Waterer laburnum— sold either as laburnum alpini or vossi— has golden yellow flowers similar to those of wisteria in the spring. It is effective as a specimen plant.

7. White redbud, the white form of the familiar redbud may be planted with the red variety for contrast. Trees have airy quality when in flower and are charming when combined with pink or mauve tulips.

8. Japanese dogwood, the Oriental counterpart of the American flowering dogwood, differs in having points instead of notched bracts and in flowering, in full foliage, 3 or 4 weeks later.

9. Flowering cherry blooms early enough to combine with daffodils in variety in naturalistic or garden setting.

10. Fringe tree, a large shrub or small tree noted for its great profusion of fleecy white flowers, in drooping clusters, blooms in late spring and is spectacular against evergreens. It grows in partial shade.

11. Mountain silverbell has small, white, slim bells in spring before the large leaves unfold. Plants have a pyramidal shape and are adapted to light shade.

The above are just a few of the many small trees that make gardens look like fairy land in the spring.

Note: It has been brought to my attention that these garden articles should be signed in the event that there would be questions readers might want answered.

CHOKED BY 'SKIPPING ROPE'

Chicago, Ill.- Cathie Ann Mulhall, 5, was strangled on her skipping rope when she fell from a neighbor's board fence on which she was attempting to do a tight-rope act. Her father, Gerald, found her hanging from a length of clothes line attached to a telephone pole.

THIEF REPAYS

Stuart, Okla.- Carl Fisher, service station operator, recently received a letter containing $11 from someone who broke in his establishment and helped himself to gasoline. The unsigned note explained the money was for the gasoline, a broken window and a smashed lock.

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He Took the Cup

Lesson for April 7, 1957

THE dark shadows of Gethsemane have never fully lifted. If even the closest friends of Jesus did not watch with him through that hour, we cannot at this great distance hope to penetrate where no light is. Some have found it hard to believe that Jesus actually knew distress. This is to deny Jesus' own words, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death." Mark's report that he was "greatly distressed and troubled," and Luke's story of the sweat like drops of blood. It could hardly have been fear of death that disturbed him. Lesser men have met it without a tremor, and he himself had faced it more than once without fear. It was something deeper that broke up the fountains of his soul that night.

Dr. Foreman

Cup of Suffering

There are gleams in the darkness. Jesus refers to his experience as a "cup." He had been speaking of a cup not two hours before, in the upper room, the cup of his blood. Was it this cup he prayed might pass from him? We make a mistake when we think of this in merely physical terms. In many a hospital there are patients who have already suffered longer and more severely than Jesus could have, physically speaking, all of Good Friday. It was his soul that was troubled, not his nerves, in Gethsemane. The cup of suffering which he dreaded was more than scourging and nails. He was being rejected . . . rejected. Not a friend would stand by him. All his work would come to an end. He had fought for time, but time was running out. He had come to his own, and his own people had not received him. He was God's last word to men, and men had no response but thorns and a cross.

Other men have known rejection, but none have known it as he knew it, for not another man in history came to this earth so full of heaven as he.

Cup of Sacrifice

The cup which he dreaded was also the cup of sacrifice. From earliest times, the Christian church has read the story of Gethsemane and Calvary in the light of the prophecy in Isaiah 53: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." The weight of human sin lay darkly on his soul. It was not that in Gethsemane for the first time this had occurred to him. Long ago he had spoken of giving his life a ransom for many. The rejection of love is a sore thing to bear; but to feel the weight of the sins of the world is something of which we do not even dare to think. He had always identified himself with sinners and with sufferers; but now he was going the last mile appointed to the suffering and the sinning. All the pain and all the perverseness of mankind fell upon him, a smothering cloud which in a few hours would even hide the face of God.

"Not as I Will"

We must not accuse the Master of cowardice, not even of weakness. Horror there was indeed; but a strong man may be filled with horror without being any the less strong. Jesus did not turn to flee. Yet it is quite plain, and we must not pretend it was otherwise, that Jesus wished for some other cup than this. "Nevertheless," he said, "not as I will but as Thou wilt." We do not know what other occasions there may have been when Jesus knew that his own will was not as his Father's will. Yet if there had been other occasions his prayer must have been ever the same: Not as I will! Above all other desires, above even the desire to to fulfill his own will—a desire all the stronger, the stronger the character is — was the overarching desire to do the Father's will. There were elements of Jesus' suffering in Gethsemane which set that night off from all other nights, and that strong soul apart from all other souls. And yet even in the mystery there is something for us to learn. If the masterwish of our life is that our own will be done, we shall come to frustration in the end. But if the overmastering wish is that our Father's will be done, then whatever our first desires may be, our highest prayer shall still be answered.

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County Agent Speaks To Farmers

"Controlling Alfalfa Insects" was the topic of a discussion led by County Agricultural Agent, Mr. James A. Smith, at the Appomattox Young Farmers Club meeting Tuesday night. A movie, "The Rival World," about insects, was also shown the group by Mr. Smith. He pointed out that the alfalfa weevil is getting an early start in the county's fields this year. The weevil which usually doesn't appear in any numbers until up in April has already been found in large numbers on several fields in the county this spring. A spray control program is imperative if large losses are to be avoided.

According to Mr. Smith, the weevil is appearing in the buds of alfalfa plants now in the larvae form. This form is a tiny worm about the size of the lead in a common pencil. The larvae is dark green with a white stripe down its back. The larvae has a black head and if the weather continues to be warm will soon start feeding heavily. The cehmical Heptachlor is being recommended as the active ingredient for a spray material to control the weevil. One-fourth pound of Heptchlor at a cost of approximately .62 cents should be enough to use in spraying one acre.

Other insects which may possibly be a problem on insects were mentioned by Mr. Smith. These include the Pea Aphid and the Spittlebug. Malathion may be used to control the pea aphid. Mathoxyehlor may be used in controlling the spittlebug. If both the weevil and the pea aphid are attacking the alfalfa at the same time it is recommended to use heptachlor as that will control the weevil and part of the aphids. The weevil is usually the more damaging insect.

The Appomattox Young Farmers Club meets every second Tuesday night in the Vocational Agriculture building at Appomattox High School. Special meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday night. Ray Page is president of the club. All interested young farmers are welcomed at meetings of the club. W. Lewis Morley is advisor to the group.

COP NO PLUMBER

Baltimore ,Md.- Lt. Frank Weber, of the Baltimore County police, has decided to stick to his job of being a cop and let someone else fix his plumbing. Attempting to fix a leaking faucet on an overhead water tank at his home recently, Weber yanked on the faucet with a wrench. The 80-gallon tank broke loose from the ceiling, hit him on the head, scraped his face, and knocked him down. Taken to a hospital, eight stitches were required to close the gash in his head. A plumber was called to fix the leak.

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